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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was cooler than normal, with rather warm weather at the beginning, but unseasonably cool temperatures during the middle and later portions. Precipitation was heavy over most of the state except the northern and central portions of the Panhandle, where only light rains fell. Most of the rains fell from Tuesday through Friday. The first two days were very windy, with full sunshine, but there was considerable cloudiness thereafter. Humidity was high during the middle and latter portions of the week.

June was cool and dry over most of the state, except that much of the Panhandle received more than the normal rainfall. Several days were windy. Hailstorms were rather numerous and destructive in the western portion of the state, and one rather severe hailstorm occurred in the southeast.

CROPS Wheat harvest was delayed by rains in much of the state, but corn, pastures and hay crops benefited from the timely precipitation.

Wheat harvest had started in earnest in the southeast, south central and eastern districts, but activity was practically at a standstill at the end of the week. Less than 10 percent of the wheat crop was combined at that time, although about half the crop had reached the mature stage. Around 20 percent of the wheat in the southeast counties was harvested. Elsewhere progress was slower or harvest had not started. Fair weather early this week held a promise for resuming wheat harvest on an active scale and a substantial acreage should be cut this week. Hail storms continue to take a heavy toll in local areas, especially the southern Panhandle counties. Some shattering of wheat is noted, but high yields are the general rule from fields already combined.

Corn made good growth last week, holding its promising condition. Warmer temperatures were favorable, but drying winds sapped soil moisture reserves. Generous rains over much of the corn producing area of the state were timely and beneficial. Some localities in the east and northeast needed rain badly to replenish surface soil moisture. A few spots are still short, but most sections got relief.

Sorghums made good progress along with corn. Oats prospects appear bright as the crop has been filling exceptionally well. Not much of the crop has been harvested yet but about three-fifths of the acreage has turned ripe. The second cutting of alfalfa was underway in the eastern half of the state. Around 10 percent of the second crop was harvested last week. Aphids have been doing some damage to alfalfa and drying winds were harmful. Pastures received a slight set-back also, but recent rains will help revive them and promote further growth. Wild hay prospects are good to excellent with haying about ready to start on a broad scale.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continued to make favorable gains with an abundant feed supply available. New crop calves and pigs are doing fine. Demand for feeding and breeding stock is good. Inshipments of cattle and calves during June were 42 percent above a year ago. Sheep and lamb imports were up 63 percent.

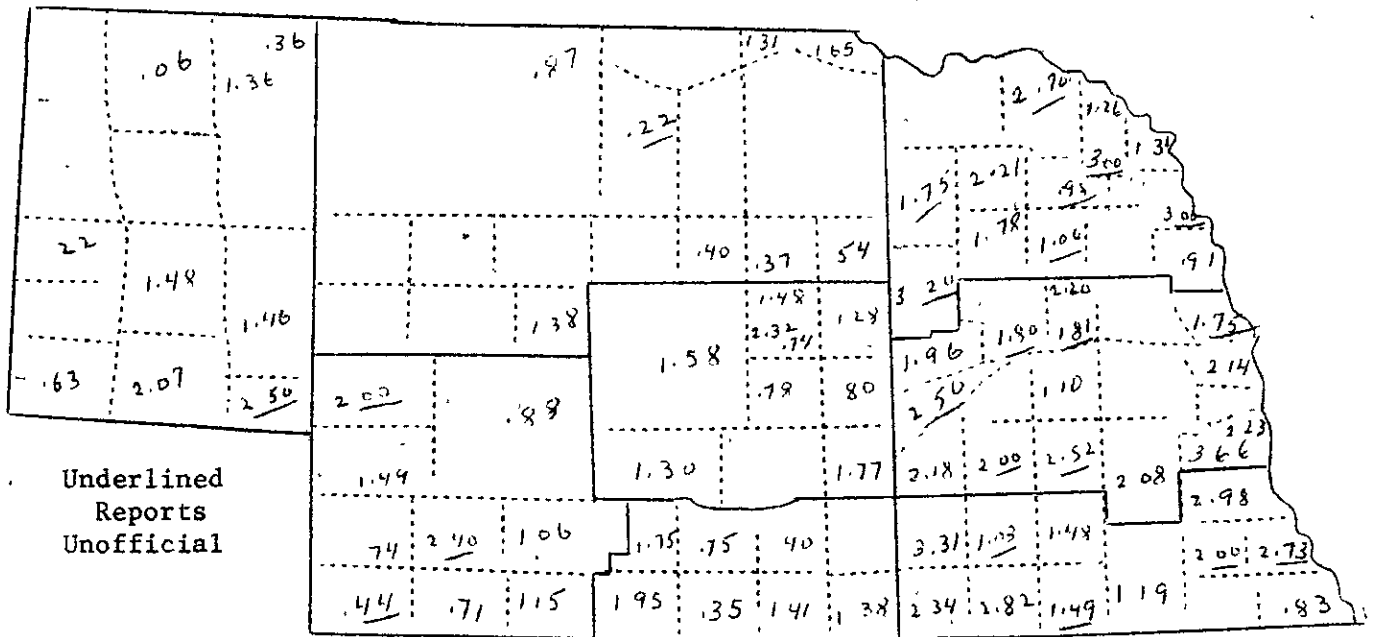
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1958

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	2.06	Burwell .37	Chadron .06
Lincoln	2.08	North Platte .88	Imperial 1.02
Norfolk	1.85	Valentine .87	Scottsbluff .39
Omaha	2.14		Sidney 2.00
Sioux City	1.75		

Precipitation, April 1 - July 4, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.83	.93	1.32	1.39	2.20	0.99	1.58	2.00
Total Since April 1	9.10	9.89	8.85	10.01	9.32	9.39	8.90	10.77
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	7.98	9.21	10.62	9.94	10.96	8.43	9.98	12.00

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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		July 1st		2nd		3d		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	91	52	85	57	88	53	83	51	78	45	78	50	78	48
	Scottsbluff	94	59	84	58	85	55	83	53	76	49	76	52	80	55
	Sidney	95	59	86	56	86	53	80	54	75	51	70	50	78	53
NC	Burwell	99	65	86	62	87	65	78	61	81	56	79	53	83	55
	Valentine	94	63	86	63	89	62	81	57	76	52	78	51	74	52
NE	Norfolk	99	68	90	64	85	70	73	66	82	61	78	57	81	54
	Sioux City	98	72	91	67	86	67	76	68	85	62	82	56	80	55
Cen	Grand Island	99	66	88	69	89	66	80	68	83	61	79	60	82	55
EC	Lincoln	95	77	94	69	84	70	72	66	85	67	81	62	84	60
	Omaha	92	73	85	64	79	68	71	66	81	63	78	60	82	56
SW	Imperial	98	63	89	60	93	59	83	59	76	57	78	53	81	51
	North Platte	100	66	86	65	87	62	84	59	80	59	77	56	82	57

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